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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD - REQUEST FOR INCREASE

REF: TEL AVIV 0800

1. APPRECIATE RESPONSIVE REPORTING CONCERNING MEASURES TO INCREASE THE SECURITY OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. SINCE ADDITIONAL NATIONAL POLICE ASSISTANCE IS NOT FORTHCOMING, THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL MARINE GUARDS HAS ALSO BEEN CONSIDERED. YOU DEFINE DETAILED PLANS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF GUARDS TO MEET THE NEEDS, NAMELY, ACCESS CONTROL AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GROUNDS AND PATROLS OF THE REAR AND SIDES OF THE LARGE PROPERTY.

2. WE MUST LIMIT THE COMMITMENT OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS TO INTERNAL CONTROLS. IF WE WERE TO AUTHORIZED THEM FOR EXTERNAL COMPOUND DUTIES, THE TOTAL MARINE GUARD FORCE NEEDED WORLDWIDE WOULD DOUBLE OR TRIPLE. AS YOU KNOW, THE MARINE CORPS HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING GREAT DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING ENOUGH WELL-QUALIFIED MARINES TO MEET OUR CURRENT NEEDS. (FOR RSO INFORMATION, THE MARINES FROMERLY USED TO

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CONTROL THE COMPOUND IN SAIGON HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN.)

3. IN REVIEWING CORRESPONDENCE, WE FOUND THAT THE EMBASSY IN OCTOBER 1974 PROPOSED CONTRACT GUARD SERVICES FOR THE SCHOOL. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS SAME SOURCE MIGHT BE THE ANSWER TO PROVIDE A LOCAL GUARD TO MEET THE RESIDENCE COMPOUND GUARD NEEDS BY SUPPLEMENTING THE SERVICE GIVEN BY THE NATIONAL POLICE.

4. IF CONTRACT CIVILIAN GUARDS CAN BE FOUND, PLEASE ADVISE THE PROJECTED COST. THE BUREAU WILL THEN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FUNDS SO AS TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT. KISSINGER

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